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State University

**Testimony of William Leahy
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Raised Bill 1134**

Good afternoon, Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello and distinguished members of the Energy and Technology Committee. My name is William Leahy and I am the Chief Operating Officer for the Institute for Sustainable Energy (ISE) at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) and I am speaking on behalf of President Elsa Nunez. I am here today to speak in support of **Raised Bill 1134 - An Act Creating the Energy Independence Strategy Board.**

As director of the Institute for Sustainable Energy, I would be honored to serve on the Energy Independence Strategy Board. Currently I am very involved with identifying opportunities for creating training programs to support the Green Jobs portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In addition, I serve on the eastern Connecticut environmental advisory group supporting Representative Courtney and the US Department of Labor working group on Green Jobs and have access to notifications of competitive grants from the Department of Energy, US Department of Labor and the Environmental Protection Agency. I believe I can add value to the functionality of the group.

Thank you for this opportunity to support your assessment of this important legislation. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have at this time.

Respectfully Submitted;

William M. Leahy